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Letter dated 12 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and further to the letters which we sent to you, the most recent of which is dated 10 May 1991, I have the honour to inform you that on 4 May 1991, at 0030 hours, approximately 30 to 40 Iranian troops attacked one of our units in the region of Al Shahabi, situated between the outposts of Al Ziadi and Tarek in the central sector, and took most of the soldiers in the unit prisoner.

This further incident, which is added to the long list of violations by Iran of the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran, confirms once again the deliberate and obstinate intention of the Iranian Government to infringe the sovereignty and security of Iraq. The Iraqi Government reaffirms, as it has done on many occasions, that the Iranian Government will be held responsible for any damage resulting from these violations and calls on that Government to return to Iraq the soldiers taken prisoner.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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